ANNUAL REPORT ON THE SOUTH HEATS (No.1) SANITARY DISTRICT 939 by DOCTOR MALCOLM GROSS

the Public Health during the year. for 1939 should be an interim report and that it should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected According to instructions issued in Circular 2067 by the Ministry of Health, I was advised that my Annual Report

Public Health Service. Routine work proceeded normally and minor problems evoked satisfactory solutions The year 1939, in the South Herts (No.1) Sanitary District was not productive of any outstanding event in the

regarding the likelihood of the spread of the commoner infectious diseases, to which children in particular are liable. comparatively light. It appears to me that this low incidence is very striking when consideration is given to the great influx of population into the District - hundreds of children evacuated from crowded areas - which occurred at the onset that it was contrary to the forebodings of many expents and it should tend to promote a certain optimism As a matter of interest, I set out some tabulated notes on the incidence of infectious diseases, which was Consideration of the causes of this satisfactory result, must be deferred; it will suffice to say at present in the outlook

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during the whole year. Apart from cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, as shown above, there was very little infectious disease at all

